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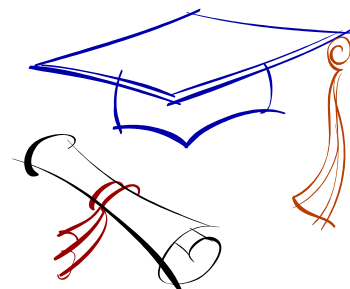
RCC CELEBRATES END-OF-YEAR WITH MANY EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

Commencement

Hundreds of people gathered in the Field House of the Reggie Lewis Center on Friday, May 17th, for the 38th Annual Commencement. This year marked the largest graduation class in RCC's history. Approximately four hundred students graduated with Associates in Arts, Associates in Science and Certificates with Specification.

The Commencement speaker was Steve Tompkins. The Community Service Award was given to John Wilson, sculptor of *Father and Child* (1990), which graces our courtyard.

The RCC Commencement Committee and the Broadcast Media Technology Department facilitated the online streaming of the ceremony. The stream link will remain active for one year. rcc.mass.edu/38thCommencement.asp



Pinning Ceremonies



Radiologic Technology's first Pinning Ceremony took place on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.



Pinning for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony



On May 9th, twenty-seven students were inducted into the Alpha Iota MU Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa during an evening ceremony at the RCC Auditorium. Distinguished “well-wishers” were present on stage to congratulate students and their families: Dr. Linda Edmonds Turner, Dr. Brenda Mercomes, Dr. Stephanie Janey, Dean Nancy Teel, Dean Charles Diggs, Elizabeth Clark, Carole Bliss-Furr, Dr. Kimberly Stieglitz (Faculty Co-Adviser), and Shelly Johnson-Payne. Dr. Yvonne Anthony, Faculty Co-Adviser, served as Mistress of Ceremony. Each student was given a beautiful white rose symbolizing the beauty of their hard work and persistence to excel.



Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students. To be a member of Phi Theta Kappa at RCC, students must have completed at least 12 hours of course work, have earned a GPA of at least 3.30, have established academic excellence as recommended by a faculty member, be of good moral character, and possess recognized qualities of citizenship. Such qualities include participating in community service, being personally responsible and possessing leadership qualities to motivate others. Membership offers many advantages including national scholarships to continue one's higher education, opportunities for mentoring and leadership training, lively fellowship with scholars, and an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest Honor Society in the American higher education system, with more than 1.3 million members and 1,100 chapters located in 50 United States, U.S. Territories, Canada, Germany and Japan.



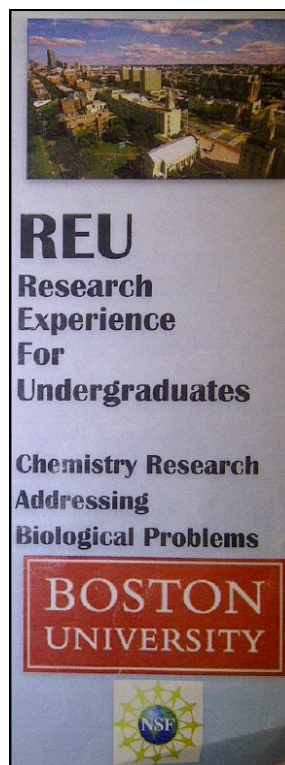
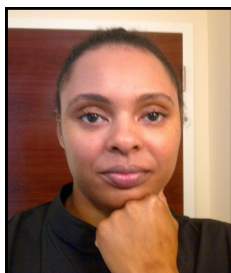
The RCC Induction Ceremony has proven already to be a great marketing tool to encourage students to join. In just one week, membership has grown from 27 to 40 students!



RCC Student Among the Chosen Few

One of our own students has been accepted into a VERY competitive summer internship program at Boston University. REU—research experience for undergraduates in science used to "reserve" two slots for community college students. The new grant that was funded for this year was not automatically inclusive for community college students. Prof. John Snyder, the director of the program, reported that it was a very competitive nation-wide search for the best undergraduate students who fit the program. That means that an RCC student was chosen out of hundreds of undergraduates at 4-year schools across the nation!

Olivia Smith, pictured below, was accepted for this 10 week summer internship program. She was mentored by Prof. Jacquolyn Payne-Thompson (Liberal Arts) and Prof. Alfred Gaskin (STEM) and they lead her to her success. They are following her as a support team throughout her tenure at the program.



Media Arts Intern

Please join us in welcoming Chris Maglione as an Intern in Media Arts through the Gateway Scholars Program.

Chris is working closely with head technician Audrey Kimball, and is learning all the ropes for Mainstage productions. Chris goes to West Roxbury High School and has greatly enjoyed his two semesters in the Gateway Scholars Program. He has taken English Composition 1, The College Experience, and Acting 1 and achieved wonderful success in his academic endeavors. He is currently pursuing a certificate in Broadcast Media Technology at Roxbury Community College.

RCC's New President will start in July

Valerie Roberson, Ph.D. has been selected as the new President of RCC. She will start on July 22, but the Board of Trustees announced that she will make a couple of trips to RCC in the weeks between now and then.



Dr. Roberson is currently Vice President of Academic Affairs at Joliet Junior College in Illinois. She has been a community college administrator for twenty eight years.

Academic Symposium RCC's 40th Anniversary

As part of RCC's 40th anniversary celebration, a symposium, "Transforming the Urban Community College to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century" will be held on Monday, October 7th. The distinguished panel will include Dr. Thomas Bailey, Director of the Community College Research Center at Columbia University; Dr. Richard Freeland, former President of Northeastern and current Commissioner of the Board of Higher Education; Ms. Beatriz McConnie Zapater, Head of School, Boston Day and Evening Academy; our current Interim President, Dr. Linda Turner, and more.

The entire community will be invited. We hope that you can somehow integrate this discussion in your classes; we would love a student to present views and sit on the panel. If you would like to sit on the panel or be a moderator, please let me know.

Please save the date for this crucial and timely discussion.

*Judy Kahalas and Carol Bliss-Furr
(Co-Chairs of the 40th Celebration)*

Internship Celebration

The overwhelming message of the celebration was that the internship career stepping stone cannot be excluded from the academic disciplines at RCC.

This event comprised a powerful series of Poster and Oral Presentations by the interns encapsulating the crucial importance of the internship quotient of their college experience.

In attendance were the site supervisors from the host employers as well as RCC faculty, staff and fellow students.

Many organizations welcome interns from Roxbury Community College academic programs and make a serious investment in students' education and development of work knowledge and job skills.



Harbor Cruise 2013



Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu